

Remarks:

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 31 and 32 are allowable as written and that claims 27 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Objection:

The Final Office Action of February 4, 2005 (Office Action) objected to claim 13 as lacking antecedent basis for the first and second indicia. Applicant has amended claim 13 to introduce these elements. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that this objection has been overcome.

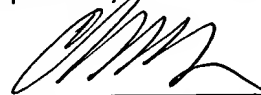
Double Patenting:

The Office Action also rejected claims 1, 2, 6-13, and 17-24 under obviousness-type double patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,894,677. Applicant provides, attached hereto, a terminal disclaimer (form PTO/SB/25) disclaiming the terminal portion of the statutory term granted to this application that would extend beyond the term of the U.S. Patent No. 5,894,677. In light of the terminal disclaimer supplied, Applicant respectfully submits that the double patenting rejection has been overcome.

Conclusion:

Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Notification to this effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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